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Reflection positivity, infrared bounds,
Continuous symmetry breaking

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I. Classical Heisenberg models

Sing: $\sigma \in \{-1, 1\} = S^1$, $\underline{\sigma} = \{\sigma(x)\}_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$

$$H^{(\varepsilon)}(\underline{\sigma}) = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle x,y \rangle} \sigma(x) \sigma(y) \left[-\varepsilon \sum_x \sigma(x) \right]$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$

$\underbrace{\hspace{5em}}$ symmetry breaking term

\mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry
(discrete!)

Gibbs measure in finite box $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^d$, with periodic boundary conditions

$$\mu_\Lambda^{(\varepsilon)}(\underline{\sigma}) = \left(Z_\Lambda^{(\varepsilon)} \right)^{-1} \exp -\beta H_\Lambda^{(\varepsilon)}(\underline{\sigma})$$

phase transition = breakdown of internal \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry:
 $d \geq 2 : \exists \beta_c : \beta > \beta_c$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle \sigma(0) \rangle_\Lambda^{(\varepsilon)} = m > 0$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \uparrow 0} \lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle \bar{\sigma}(0) \rangle_\Lambda^{(\varepsilon)} = -m < 0$$

beware: the order of limits is essential: $\forall \Lambda$ finite $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \langle \sigma(0) \rangle_\Lambda^{(\varepsilon)} = 0$

alternative formulation:

$$\Gamma^2 = \lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\langle \left(\frac{\sum_{x \in \Lambda} \delta(x)}{|\Lambda|} \right)^2 \right\rangle \quad \varepsilon = 0 \text{ not denoted}$$

translation invariant, periodic b.c. = $\lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \cdot \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \langle \delta(0) \delta(x) \rangle$

$\beta < \beta_c : \Gamma^2 = 0$ normal fluctuations of $\sum_{x \in \Lambda} \delta(x)$
 $\beta > \beta_c : \Gamma^2 > 0$ mixture of two phases.

the two formulations are ^{almost} equivalent (Griffiths)
advantage of the second formulation: no need
of "symmetry breaking term".

[What happens in case of continuous internal symmetry?]

$$\delta(x) \in S^{r-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^r \quad x \in \mathbb{Z}^d$$

$$H(\underline{\delta}) = -\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{\langle x|y \rangle} \delta(x) \cdot \delta(y) \quad \uparrow \text{scalar product in } \mathbb{R}^r$$

$$\mu_\lambda(d\underline{\delta}) = \frac{1}{Z_\lambda} \cdot \exp(-\beta H_\lambda(\underline{\delta})) \prod_{x \in \Lambda} d\delta(x)$$

$d\delta(x)$ uniform Lebesgue measure on S^{r-1}

$\vartheta = 1$: Ising; $\vartheta = 2$: (planar) rotator; $\vartheta = 3$: Heisenberg

Internal symmetry: $O(\vartheta)$

$O(1) = \mathbb{Z}_2$ but for $\vartheta \geq 2$ $O(\vartheta)$ is continuous

Question: the same

$$\Gamma^2 = \lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\langle \left| \frac{\sum_{x \in \Lambda} \delta(x)}{|\Lambda|} \right|^2 \right\rangle$$

$$= \lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\langle \frac{\sum_{x,y \in \Lambda} \delta(x) \cdot \delta(y)}{|\Lambda|^2} \right\rangle$$

$$= \lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \langle \delta(0) \cdot \delta(x) \rangle_\Lambda$$

$\Gamma = 0$ no long range order

$\Gamma > 0$ existence of long range order

Griffiths: existence of LRO implies spontaneous breakdown of internal symmetry, phase transition

Results: $\beta = 2, 3$

① negative

Mermin & Wagner 1967

$$\boxed{d=2}$$

$$\nexists T > 0$$

$$r = 0$$

| no long range order at any positive temperature in two dimensions

(Dobrushin - Shlosman 1975: formulation in terms of infinite Gibbs states)

② positive

Fröhlich, Simon & Spencer 1976

$$\boxed{d \geq 3}$$

$$\exists T_c : T < T_c \Rightarrow r > 0$$

| there is LRO (and phase transition)
at suff low temperatures in three
and more dimensions

Answers

Essential difference vs Ising: no well defined contours (with energy proportional to the length of contours) Peierls argument does not apply

Possibility of Kosterlitz - Thouless phase in 2d at low temperature

(Fröhlich - Spencer)

Conventions on "Fourier transform":

$$\Lambda = L_1 \times L_2 \times \cdots \times L_d$$

d-dimensional discrete torus

$$\Lambda^* = \left\{ \left(2\pi \frac{k_1}{L_1}, 2\pi \frac{k_2}{L_2}, \dots, 2\pi \frac{k_d}{L_d} \right) \mid k_i \in \left[-\frac{L_i}{2}, \frac{L_i}{2} \right) \cap \mathbb{Z}, i=1,2,\dots,d \right\}$$

the dual torus $\Lambda^* \subset (-\pi, \pi)^d$

$$f: \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\hat{f}: \Lambda^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\hat{f}(p) = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} e^{ip \cdot x} f(x)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \sum_{p \in \Lambda^*} e^{-ip \cdot x} \hat{f}(p)$$

unitary between

$l_2(\Lambda)$ and

$l_2(\Lambda^*)$ with weight

$$\frac{1}{|\Lambda|}$$

$$\text{Note: } \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \sum_{p \in \Lambda^*} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{(-\pi, \pi)^d} dp = fdp.$$

A transl. invar. lin. op. on $l_2(\Lambda)$: $(Af)(x) = \sum_y a(x-y)f(y)$

$$\text{then } \widehat{Af}(p) = \widehat{a}(p) \widehat{f}(p)$$

$$\text{in particular } A = \Delta := \Delta_{xy} = \begin{cases} -2d & |x-y|=1 \\ 1 & |x-y|=1 \\ 0 & |x-y|>1 \end{cases}$$

its Fourier transform:

$$\widehat{\Delta} = -2D \quad D: (-\pi, \pi)^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$D(p) = \sum_{i=1}^d (1 - \cos p_i) = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{p}|^2 + O(|\mathbf{p}|^4)$$

Proof of FSS:

The "backbone" of the proof:

$$C_{ij}^{(\Lambda)}(x) = \langle \delta_i(0) \delta_j(x) \rangle_\Lambda = \langle \delta_i(y) \delta_j(y+x) \rangle_\Lambda$$

↑ ↑
 transl. invar.
 finite volume correlation function

$$\hat{C}_{ij}^{(\Lambda)}(p) = \sum_{x \in \Lambda} e^{ipx} C_{ij}^{(\Lambda)}(x) \quad p \in \Lambda^*$$

(A) Infrared bound (the core of the proof!)

IRB: $p \neq 0: \frac{1}{2p\beta} \cdot \frac{1}{D(p)} S_{ij} - \hat{C}_{ij}^{(\Lambda)}(p) \geq 0$

as matrix, i.e. it is positive definite
 $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \times 2 \end{pmatrix}$
 (uniformly in Λ)

$$\begin{aligned} (B) 1 &= \langle \delta(0) \cdot \delta(0) \rangle_\Lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{\mathfrak{v}} C_{ii}^{(\Lambda)}(0) \\ &= \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \sum_{p \in \Lambda^*} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathfrak{v}} \hat{C}_{ii}^{(\Lambda)}(p) \\ &= \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\mathfrak{v}} \hat{C}_{ii}^{(\Lambda)}(0) + \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathfrak{v}} \sum_{p \neq 0} \hat{C}_{ii}^{(\Lambda)}(p) \end{aligned}$$

$\underbrace{}_{r_\Lambda^2}$

A & B

$$\underbrace{m_\lambda^2}_{\downarrow} + \frac{\gamma}{2\beta J} \cdot \frac{1}{|\Lambda|} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{p \in \Lambda^* \\ p \neq 0}} \frac{1}{D(p)}}_{\downarrow} \geq 1$$

$$\int \frac{dp}{D(p)} \begin{cases} = \infty & d=1,2 \\ < \infty & d \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{m^2 \geq 1 - \frac{\gamma}{2\beta J} \int \frac{dp}{D(p)}}$$

sof of the IRB:

$$[\Delta a](x) = \sum_{y: |y-x|=1} (a(y) - a(x)), \quad \Delta_{xy} = \begin{cases} 1 & |x-y|=1 \\ -2d & x=y \\ 0 & |x-y|>1 \end{cases}$$

(with periodic boundary conditions in Λ)

shorthand: a, b vector valued $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d)$

$$a \Delta b = \sum_{xy} \Delta_{xy} a(x) \cdot b(y)$$

note that:

$$-a \Delta a = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\langle x,y \rangle} (a(x) - a(y))^2$$

$$H_n(\underline{\xi}) = -\frac{1}{2} \leq \Delta \leq (+\text{constant})$$

$\Delta = \Delta$ in Λ
with periodic
boundary condition

let $\Lambda \ni x \mapsto v(x) = (v_1(x), v_2(x), \dots, v_r(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^r$

be a vector field on Λ (arbitrary)

$$\text{Def: } Z_\Lambda(v) = \int_{[S^*]^\Lambda} \exp\left\{\frac{\beta}{2} (\underline{\xi} + v) \Delta (\underline{\xi} + v)\right\} \prod_{x \in \Lambda} d\xi(x)$$

$Z_\Lambda(0) = Z_\Lambda$ the partition function $\begin{cases} Z_\Lambda(v) \text{ depends only} \\ \text{on the differences} \\ v(x) - v(y) \end{cases}$

Theorems:

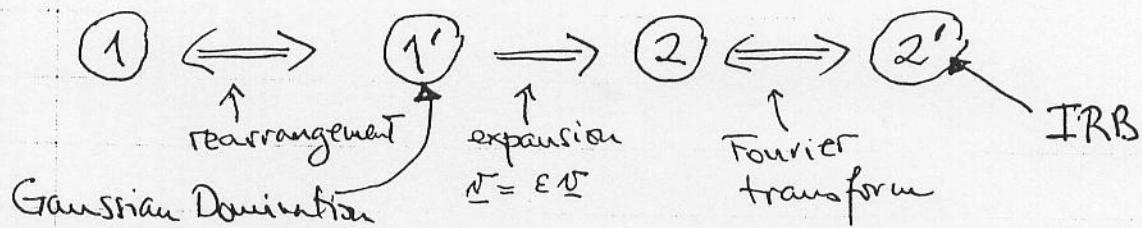
$$\textcircled{1} \quad (\forall v): \quad Z_\Lambda(v) \leq Z_\Lambda(0)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad (\forall v): \quad \langle \exp(\underline{\xi} \Delta v) \rangle_\Lambda \leq \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\beta} \underline{v} \Delta \underline{v}\right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad (\forall v): \quad N_i(t) \Delta_{tx} \langle \xi_i(x) \xi_j(y) \rangle_\Lambda \Delta_{ys} N_j(s) &\leq \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{\beta} \underline{v} \Delta \underline{v} = -\frac{1}{\beta} v_i(x) \Delta_{xy} v_i(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad M_{ij}(p) = \frac{1}{2\beta D(p)} \delta_{ij} - \hat{C}_{ij}(p) \quad p \in \Lambda^*$$

is positive definite matrix



we prove (1).

Fundamental Lemma (Reflection Positivity): RP

Let Ω be a measurable space with a finite measure $d\mu$,

$A, B, G_k, D_k : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ bdd. measurable functions
 $k=1, 2, \dots, l$.

Then:

$$\left| \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} \mu(ds) \mu(dt) \exp \left\{ A(s) + B(t) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^l (G_k(s) - D_k(t))^2 \right\} \right|^2 \leq$$

$$\iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} \mu(ds) \mu(dt) \exp \left\{ A(s) + \bar{A}(t) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^l (G_k(s) - \bar{G}_k(t))^2 \right\}.$$

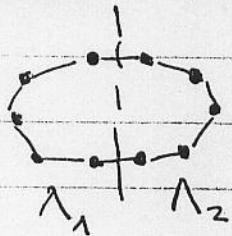
$$\iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} \mu(ds) \mu(dt) \exp \left\{ \bar{B}(s) + B(t) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^l (\bar{D}_k(s) - D_k(t))^2 \right\}$$

Notes: Here we shall need it only for real functions,
but the quantum analogue is essentially complex. (Right hand side is real, positive)

Proof postponed.

Proof of Gaussian Domination:

Assume Λ has even side-lengths (essential!)



$$\Lambda = \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_2$$

$$\Omega = (S^{d-1})^{\Lambda_1} = (S^{d-1})^{\Lambda_2}$$

$$s = \{s(x)\}_{x \in \Lambda_1} \quad t = \{s(y)\}_{y \in \Lambda_2}$$

with identification according to reflection

$$d\mu(s) = \prod_{x \in \Lambda_1} d\delta(x) \quad d\mu(t) = \prod_{y \in \Lambda_2} d\delta(y).$$

$$A(s) = A(\underline{s}|_{\Lambda_1}) = -\frac{\beta}{4} \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \Lambda_1 \\ \langle x,y \rangle}} (s(x) + s(x) - s(y) - s(y))^2$$

$$B(t) = B(\underline{s}|_{\Lambda_2}) = -\frac{\beta}{4} \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \Lambda_2 \\ \langle x,y \rangle}} (s(x) + s(x) - s(y) - s(y))^2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} C_k(s) = C_k(\underline{s}|_{\Lambda_1}) = \sqrt{\beta} \left(\underline{s}_i(x) + s_i(x) \right) \\ D_k(t) = D_k(\underline{s}|_{\Lambda_2}) = \sqrt{\beta} \left(\underline{s}_i(y) + s_i(y) \right) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} k = (\langle x,y \rangle; i) \\ \langle x,y \rangle \text{ on the cut-plane} \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, r \end{array}$$

$$\text{RP Lemma} \Rightarrow |\underline{s}|^2 \leq \underline{s}_1 \cdot \underline{s}_2$$

$$\text{where } \underline{s}_i|_{\Lambda_1} = \underline{s}|_{\Lambda_1} \quad \underline{s}_i|_{\Lambda_2} = \text{Refl}(\underline{s}|_{\Lambda_2}) \quad \begin{matrix} i=1,2 \\ j=2,1 \end{matrix}$$

choose $\underline{v}^* : 1, \quad Z_1(\underline{v}^*) = \max_{\underline{v}} Z_1(\underline{v})$

2, $\# \{ \langle x, y \rangle \mid v^*(x) \neq v^*(y) \} = \text{possible}$
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 $= \delta^*$ minimum among maximizers.

If $\delta^* = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{v}^* = \underline{0}$ is maximizer, done!

If $\delta^* > 0$: cut Λ with a mid-plane through
an edge $\langle x, y \rangle$ with $v^*(x) \neq v^*(y)$

(PLemma) $|Z_1(\underline{v}^*)|^2 \leq Z_1(\underline{v}_1^*) \cdot Z_1(\underline{v}_2^*)$

\downarrow
 \underline{v}_1^* and \underline{v}_2^* are also maximizers

but

$$\min \left\{ \# \{ \langle x, y \rangle \mid v_1^*(x) \neq v_1^*(y) \}, \# \{ \langle x, y \rangle \mid v_2^*(x) \neq v_2^*(y) \} \right\}$$

$$< \{ \langle x, y \rangle \mid v^*(x) = v^*(y) \}$$

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strictly! by construction

contradiction!!

$\Rightarrow \delta^* = 0$ and G.D. is proved

GD

Proof of RP Lemma: assume $\ell=1$ (no loss)

Fourier — change order of integration — Schwarz —
change order of integration (back) — Fourier (back) :

use: $e^{-\frac{1}{2}a^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\xi}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{2}} e^{ixa}$ $a \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$\left| \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} \mu(ds)\mu(dt) \exp \left\{ A(s) + B(t) - \frac{1}{2} (C(s) - D(t))^2 \right\} \right|^2 =$$

$$\left| \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} \mu(ds)\mu(dt) \exp \left\{ A(s) + B(t) \right\} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\xi}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{2}} \exp \left\{ i\xi (C(s) - D(t)) \right\} \right|^2$$

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\xi}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{2}} \left(\int_{\Omega} \mu(ds) \exp \left\{ A(s) + i\xi C(s) \right\} \right) \left(\int_{\Omega} \mu(dt) \exp \left\{ B(t) - i\xi D(t) \right\} \right) \right|^2$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\xi}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\int_{\Omega} \mu(ds) \exp \left\{ A(s) + i\xi C(s) \right\} \right) \left(\int_{\Omega} \mu(dt) \exp \left\{ \bar{A}(t) - i\xi \bar{C}(t) \right\} \right)^*$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\xi}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\int_{\Omega} \mu(ds) \exp \left\{ \bar{B}(s) + i\xi \bar{D}(s) \right\} \right) \left(\int_{\Omega} \mu(dt) \exp \left\{ B(t) - i\xi D(t) \right\} \right)^*$$

$$\iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} \mu(ds)\mu(dt) \exp \left\{ A(s) + \bar{A}(t) - \frac{1}{2} (C(s) - \bar{C}(t))^2 \right\}.$$

$\Omega \times \Omega$

$$\iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} \mu(ds)\mu(dt) \exp \left\{ \bar{B}(s) + B(t) - \frac{1}{2} (\bar{D}(s) - D(t))^2 \right\},$$

RP